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1. PRESS AUGUST 25 FEATURES ARAFAT VISIT (LIBYAN ASPECTS
OF WHICH REPORTED SEPTTEL.) FOLLOWING ARAFAT FINAL MEETING
WITH FAHMY EVEINING OF 24TH, GOE ANNOUNCED IT WILL SEEK UNGA
DEBATE ON ISRAELI POLICY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FON
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MINISTRY HAS ALREADY BEGUN PROCESS OF ENTERING QUESTION AS
SEPARATE ITEM ON UNGA AGENDA. EGYPTIANS WILL SEEK TO "EXPOSE"
ISEAELI "AGGRESSIVE SCHEMES" REPRESENTED BY ESTABLISHMENT
OF NEW SETTLEMENTS AND APPLICATION OF ISRAELI LAW IN
TERRITORIES.

2. PRESS ALSO DECLARED EGYPT AND PALESTINIANS AGREED ON

"JOINT PLAN" TO COUNTER ISRAELI SCHEMES, ESPECIALLY THOSE DESIGNED "CAST DOUBT ON PLO AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL PALESTINIANS." EGYPT REAFFIRMED CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR RIGHT OF PLO "TO PARTICIPATE ON EQUAL FOOTING IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS." (COMMENT: THIS MAY HAVE BEEN INTER ALIA REFERENCE TO PRESS CONFERENCE OF HUSSEIN SHUYUKHI. TWO SENIOR FAHMY AIDES DISMISSED SHUYUKHI AS "ISRAELI AGENT" TO POLCOUNS AUG 25).

3. PALESTINIAN SOURCES IN CAIRO, PAPERS SAY, SATISFIED WITH "COMPLETE FRANKNESS" OF TALKS. BASIC ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE GRAVE SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON, IN LIGHT OF "COMPLETE COORDINATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ISOLATIONISTS" AIMED AT PALESTINIANS, AND PALESTINIAN ATTITUDE ON PEACE PROCESS. THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION, EGYPT STRESSED IMPORTANCE MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF PEACE PROCESS BUT ALSO TO "TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OTHER OPTIONS WHICH MAY BECOME NECESSARY."

5. U.S. ROLE. ARAFAT STATED THAT RECENT REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CARTER- ARE MOST IMPORTANT AND ARE POSITIVE STEP FOR US." PALESTINIAN CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING IN DAMASCUS WILL DISCUSS "ALL PROSPECTS" IN LIGHT OF CURRENT ROUND OF DIPLOMACY. AFTER TALKS WITH FAHMY, ARAFAT DEPARTED FOR DAMASCUS.

6. 242. GUMHURIYYA DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT WROTE THAT PALESTINIANS NOT ABOUT TO DECIDE ON 242 PER SE, BUT ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHETHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT PRESENT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE "TREMENDOUS PUSH TOWARD SOLVING MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM." PLO UNDER "MOMENTOUS RESPONSIBILITY" IN FACING DECISION TO ACCEPT DIALOGUE WITH U.S., WHICH WOULD "ELIMINATE LAST GAP IN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF PLO AND ITS LEGITIMACY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." U.S. CONTACT WITH PLO WOULD BE DE FACTO ADMISSION THAT MIDDLE EAST CRISIS SETTLEMENT MUST PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF "PALESTINIAN NATIONAL HOME AND THAT PLO MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT IN NEW STATE." ARTICLE NOTED SOME PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE NO DECISION SHOULD BE MADE UNTIL IT CLEAR WHETHER U.S. WILL ACTUALLY EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. FOR ITS PART, EGYPT NOT REASSURING PLO, BUT SEEKING HELP AND SUPPORT IT. EGYPT WILL SUPPORT ULTIMATE DECISION TAKEN BY PLO BECAUSE "AFTER ALL, RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH PALESTINIANS."

7. FAHMY CONTINUES HIS ONE-MAN BLITZKRIEG OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN CAIRO TODAY IN MEETING WITH TWENTY-SIX CHIEFS OF MISSION OF ASIAN AND NONALIGNED COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS HOW WORLD COMMUNITY SHOULD EXPRESS ITS REJECTION OF ISRAELI ILLEGAL ACTS IN UNOCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FAHMY HAS ALSO WELCOMED SYRIA'S "POSITIVE INITIATIVE" IN CALLING FOR MEETING

OF NONALIGNED AND ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS.

8. ZIONIST MEETING IN AUSTRIA. ACCORDING PRESS, ARAB LEAGUE HAS LEARNED THAT "ZIONIST CIRCLES" SEEKING TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA TO "OFFSET UN RESOLUTION CONSIDERING ZIONISM A RACIST INSTITUTION." MEETINGS WILL SEEK TO ENGINEER RESTORATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN STATES. INVITATION, ARAB LEAGUE LEARNS, WILL THEREFORE BE ISSUED TO SENAGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND DAYAN IN ORDER NARROW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM.

9. COMMENTARY. AHRAH EXPALINED NATURE OF EGYPTIAN OPTIMISM AS MATTER OF FOCUSING ON POSITIVE ASPECTS RATHER THAN MULTIFARIOUS DISCOURAGING CIRCUMSTANCES EMERGING FROM VANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOUR AND ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE. EGYPTIAN OPTIMISM ENCOURAGED BY INTERNATIONAL OPINION AND ITS OWN DIPLOMATIC ENERGIES, BUT NOTABLY BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S "CONFIRMATION, IN HIS RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE, THAT OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AARE ARAB LAND." IN AHRAH VIEW, STATEMENT BY U.S. PRESIDENT WILL IPAVZFTS "PRACTICAL RESULTS."

10. COMMENT: WHILE EGYPTIANS FIGURING OUT HOW TO DEAL PUBLICLY WITH PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT HE WILL NOT PRESSURE ISRAEL, IT CONTINUES TO CAST U.S. ROLE IN PEACE PROCESS AS POSITIVE. PUBLIC TREATMENT SUGGESTS THAT, U.S. HAS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY OF LIFETIME TO PALESTINIANS TO BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN SEARCH FOR PEACE AND IT HAS, BY ITS STAEMENT, CONDTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION OF ISRAEL. AT SAME TIME, AS PALESTINIANS GATHER FOR DECISION-MAKING SESSION IN DAMASCUS, EGYPTINS GENTLY POINTING OUT THAT MATTERS REST IN PLO HANDS; EGYPT HAS DONE ITS BEST TO GIVE THEM THEIR PRESENT OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUTURE DESCENDS SQUARELY ON PALESTINIAN SHOULDERS. EILTS

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